

# Marina's Message

14<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT NEWSLETTER | WINTER 2020

Dear Neighbor,

Earlier this year I had the privilege to be elected Alderwoman of the 14th District and serve on the Milwaukee Common Council as your representative. This is a responsibility I take seriously, and I look forward to the next four years as we work together to build the best district and city possible. I also had the honor to be named chairwoman of the Council's Public Safety & Health Committee. As a mother, health and safety is always on my mind and this particular position has taken on an even greater significance as we continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. All of these factors contributed to us hitting the ground running as we created the SafeVote vote from home program and MKE Cares – our citywide mask requirement – within our first 90 days in office.



In this newsletter you'll learn more about both of those initiatives as well as other projects occurring in our district. I know at times the last several months have seemed overwhelming, but we are all in this together and I have confidence that we will come out of this pandemic stronger than when we entered it. I look forward to seeing you out in the district this winter, and as always please feel free to reach out to my office with any questions, concerns or other things you'd like to discuss.

Sincerely,

Marina Dimitrijevic  
Alderwoman, 14th District

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DISTRICT 14**

## Committee Assignments

### Chair

- Public Safety and Health Committee

### Member

- Steering and Rules Committee
- Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee

- CITYWIDE ORDINANCE #200426 -

## FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED IN PUBLIC

\*Medical exemptions apply

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city news updates when they occur?**

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MKE Cares

In order to effectively combat the spread of COVID-19 there are several strategies and tactics that science has proven are successful: regularly wash your hands with soap and water, disinfect/clean



frequently touched surfaces, maintain six feet of physical distance from other people when in groups, and perhaps most important, wear a mask when in public spaces. Masks have been proven to reduce COVID-19 spread

by 70%, and the data shows their effectiveness. Because of this I authored the MKE Cares ordinance that requires masks be worn in public spaces. We collaborated with health officials, businesses, and sifted through hundreds of public comments to make sure all angles were considered.

We also worked to make sure that masks were widely available to the public, and directed the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to create a mask distribution plan. I'm happy to share that to date the MHD has distributed nearly 40,000 masks citywide including more than 3,000 for children. Masks continue to be available at several distribution sites and at all local libraries.



As the pandemic continues we will work to ensure that adequate and accessible testing is available, and that we are following the most up-to-date science indicating how we can curb the spread of this virus.

SafeVote

In April as COVID-19 began to spike, voters were put in the unfortunate situation of choosing between exercising their right to vote and possibly endangering their health. The pandemic led to only five voting sites being open for in-person voting during the spring primary, and this is why even before taking my oath of office I began working on my SafeVote legislation.



SafeVote sought to make sure that all households in Milwaukee had the information necessary to register to vote and request an

absentee ballot from their home to make the November election as safe and accessible as possible. After receiving an informational mailing on these options in September, nearly 18,500 voters registered or updated their voter registration and 20,000 people requested an absentee ballot.

In order to accommodate the 1300% increase in vote-by-mail requests that were made during the pandemic, the Election Commission expanded the return options for absentee ballots. 15 drop boxes were purchased and stationed at every Milwaukee Public Library across the City, as well as City Hall and the Election Commission south side warehouse. Over 60% of mail-in ballots were returned using drop boxes, so City of Milwaukee voters agree that the boxes were a safe, secure, convenient and, most importantly,

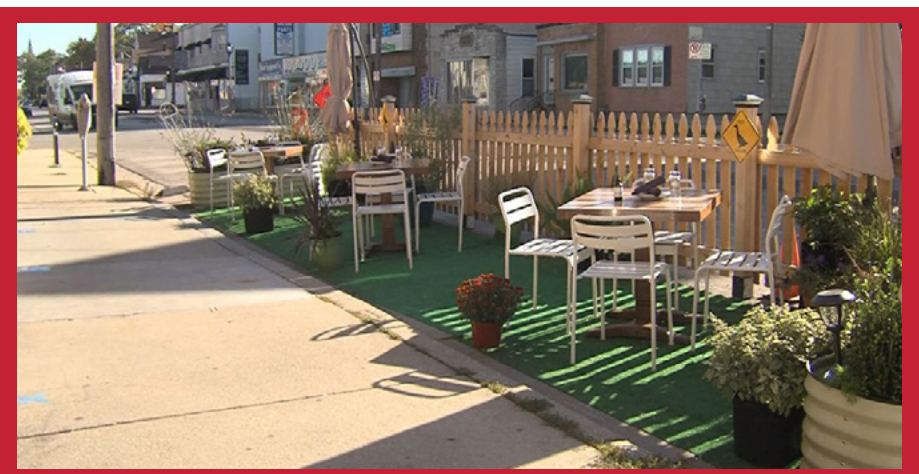
contactless way to vote during a pandemic. With COVID-19 likely to exist in some form or fashion this spring, I introduced a budget amendment to fund SafeVote in 2021 to support our spring primary and general elections.



Active Streets for Business

Small businesses are the backbone of our local economy, and now more than ever need our support. That is why I was proud to sponsor legislation creating the Active Streets for Business program earlier this year. This program allows bars and restaurants access to the public right of way as a means to increase dining capacity while keeping the experience safe for visitors. Active Streets for Business has been utilized by 42 businesses spanning eight aldermanic districts including many businesses in the 14th.

Unfortunately, Milwaukee winters aren't built for year-round outdoor dining which is why we had to come up with additional ways to support bars and restaurants. This is how Active Streets for Business 2.0 was created. The new set of winter rules and regulations allow for the use of outdoor structures, such as tents, and heating devices in the public right of



"Duck Crossing" Patio at Odd Duck (2352 S Kinnickinnic Avenue) makes good use of the Active Streets for Business program.

way to sustain outdoor dining capacity during the fall and winter provided the business meets all health and safety guidelines. This approach has proven successful in other cities and I can't wait for Milwaukee to experience it. The winter rules and regulations will be in place until March 15, 2021.

For any business owner currently using Active Streets for Business wanting to amend their application for the winter, or for prospective new applicants, stay tuned to the Department of Public Works website - [milwaukee.gov/dpw](https://milwaukee.gov/dpw) - for news and updates.

Budget/SafeHomes

Making sure our homes are as safe as possible for children and families is crucial to maintaining a healthy and

vibrant city. As part of the city budget, I introduced a multifaceted 2021 budget amendment to significantly improve



lead abatement efforts to help better protect Milwaukee children from lead poisoning. The new SafeHomes Lead Abatement Initiative created in the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) aims to specifically prioritize properties where there are children under six years of age who have elevated blood lead levels, providing owner occupants with helpful partial subsidies for the abatement of lead paint and lead water services.

By enhancing abatement and inspection capabilities in the MHD and the Department of Neighborhood Services, even more properties can be made lead safe for our children and families who spend the most amount of time in these properties.



Road updates

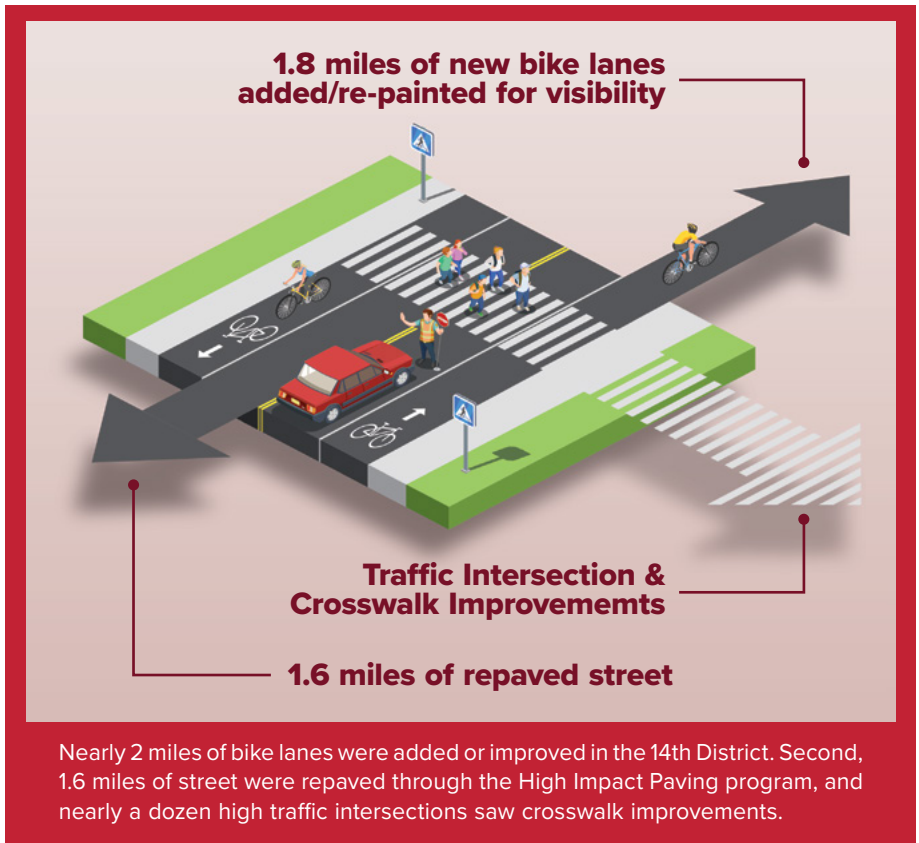
Traffic safety continues to be a pressing issue in the 14th District, and this summer major streets in our area received a variety of improvements with safety in mind. Oklahoma Ave. from Chase to Clement was restriped from two lanes in each direction to one, with the addition of a new center turn lane, striped bike lanes, and enhanced crosswalk markings.

Howell Ave. from Oklahoma to Lincoln also saw similar improvements. New high visibility crosswalks were also added at eight intersections along

the one-mile corridor to better alert motorists of the crosswalks, and the posted speed limit was reduced from 30mph to 25mph.

Finally, South 13th St. from Oklahoma Ave. to Harrison Ave. saw low-cost improvements to help increase the safety and comfort of people walking, biking, and driving.

These projects will make the streets safer and more accommodating for all users — no matter one's age, ability, or mode of travel — as well as curb reckless driving behavior.



Requesting a stop sign/speed bump

- STEP 1** Start by contacting my office at: [marina@milwaukee.gov](mailto:marina@milwaukee.gov)
- STEP 2** Conduct and submit a speed hump survey of the homeowners on their block (*this is temporarily suspended due to COVID-19*)
- STEP 3** The Department of Public Works will conduct a traffic study to monitor speeds on the block and provide a recommendation
- STEP 4** The city calculates each property owner's assessed contribution to the speed hump based on their frontage area to the street in question
- STEP 5** Postcard sent to property owners listing their individual assessment toward the speed hump and asking them if they approve or disapprove of the project
- STEP 6** Postcard votes are tallied and final recommendation is made.



5G update

This summer, 5G cable installation caused disruptions across the district. We heard from residents about their displeasure regarding the public right-of-way being torn up, front lawns being disturbed, and work being done with little to no notice. Unfortunately, the Federal Communications Commission's regulations and 2019 Wisconsin Act 14 placed narrow limits on what local municipalities can control regarding 5G installation. However, after discussions with Verizon it has been agreed upon that they will start providing ample notice to area residents including three full days (as opposed to the standard 48 hours) prior to construction, along with appropriate contact information should any issues arise.

The Department of Public Works will investigate and suspend work if there is evidence of dumping, public or private property damage, disregard for private property, improper notification, or other serious problems. Photos and complaints should be emailed to [DPWpermits@milwaukee.gov](mailto:DPWpermits@milwaukee.gov) for investigation.

Welcoming Our New Businesses



Local bike retailer **Wheel & Sprocket** opened its new headquarters in Bay View! The shop located at 187 E. Becher Street will feature retail, a repair service section and an in-house cafe in addition to corporate offices.



14th District favorite **Monterrey Market** opened a second location this year at 3920 S. 27th St. More residents across the area will have the chance to enjoy all this local business has to offer.



Ald. Dimitrijevic and DCD Commissioner Lafayette Crump visit with Nicholas Nowaczyk of **Urban Tea** which opened at 3062 S. 13th Street.



**Lion's Tooth Bookshop** is opening a storefront at 2421 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. This female and immigrant owned business will emphasize nonfiction, pop culture and activism. We look forward to them joining the district.

**Pete's Pops** supplied Bay View with refreshing treats this summer at 916 E. Russell Ave. We look forward to more deliciousness in 2021!



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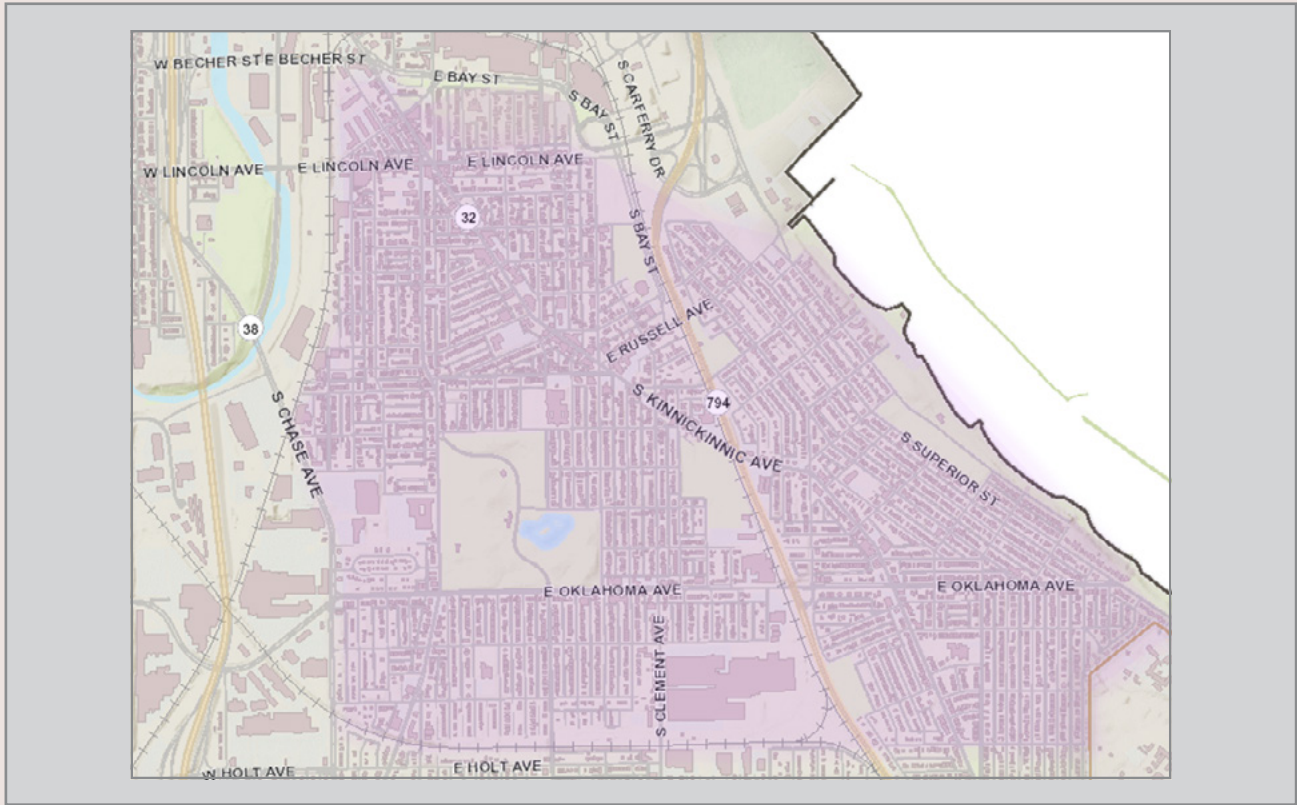
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- Mental Health Help
- ... and more!



Adopting a Vision and a Plan Forward

The Department of City Development (DCD) and my office will be launching the creation of a Bay View Neighborhood Strategic Plan in spring 2021. Bay View has experienced many changes in recent years, and we need to engage with each other as residents in establishing a vision for the neighborhood that addresses important topics to all of us, such as housing needs and development, retail and commercial opportunities, public open space, and key development sites and community projects. There will be many opportunities for residents, business owners, and other stakeholders to share their thoughts throughout this year-long study and to shape the final recommendations. Once completed, this strategic plan will be formally adopted by the Common Council as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

What key opportunities or topics would you like to see addressed by this plan? We would like to hear your thoughts as we prepare for this planning process. Please email your comments to [SoutheastSidePlan@milwaukee.gov](mailto:SoutheastSidePlan@milwaukee.gov).



Envision 13th Street

The Department of City Development is amending the Southwest Side Area Plan with a Strategic Action Plan called Envision South 13th Street Together. Strategic Action Plans are a method of updating a portion of an existing comprehensive area plan to advance implementation of plan recommendations.

Envision South 13th Street Together will build upon initiatives and projects occurring in the area. It aims to bring the community together to build consensus on actionable steps for reinvigorating the South 13th Street Corridor and improving connections to the surrounding neighborhoods.

With all of the activity occurring in the area, there is a need for a planning process to align the needs of the community with public and private partners to spur action and reinvigorate South 13th Street. For more information please visit [Milwaukee.gov/envision13th](https://www.milwaukee.gov/envision13th).

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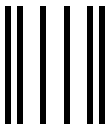
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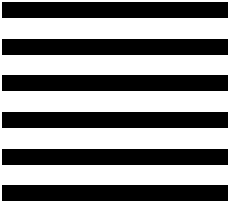
Dear Neighbor,

As I shape my priorities as the District 14 Alderwoman, It is crucial that I hear from you about the issues that affect you and your community most. Please check all of the policy areas that are most important to you. Then please detach and mail back this POSTAGE FREE survey card. If you would like to discuss this more at length, please call my office at (414) 286-3769.

Thank you — Alderwoman Dimitrijevic



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Recycling pickup

Recycling pickup will move to biweekly in Spring of 2021! To receive text message notifications and reminders about trash and recycling collection visit [Milwaukee.gov/notify](https://www.milwaukee.gov/notify), log in, select "text messages" and opt into sanitation notifications.



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## We're ready for winter, are you?

- ❄ The city monitors forecasts and conditions to implement snow and ice operations city wide.
- ❄ More than 100 trucks provide salt and anti-ice measures.
- ❄ Up to 350 pieces of equipment support plowing and snow removal for 1,472 miles of street, 59 miles of sidewalk and 42,000 corners and crosswalks.
- ❄ Winter parking rules are in effect as of December 1.

Visit [milwaukee.gov/snow](http://milwaukee.gov/snow) to learn more.



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1. What are the top three City services you use the most? \_\_\_\_\_

2. The City is preparing for a COVID-19 vaccination distribution - do you plan on receiving the vaccine? If so how can we make it easier for you? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Police funding was a major topic of debate in the 2021 City budget. Do you think we can improve public safety without increasing our city's police spending? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What three amenities/resources would you like to see added to our district? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How do you prefer to receive updates from our office and communicate with us?

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